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This declaration is of the following type:

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

DISPERSION COMPENSATING MODULE, LINE SWITCHING APPARATUS AND OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on December 1, 2000
as United States Application Serial Number 09/726601 and,
was amended on _____ (if applicable).

☐ was filed on _____
as PCT International Application Number _____ and,
was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS, BENEFIT CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC §119(a)

Application Number	Country	Date of Filing (Day/Month/Year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119
<u>P1999-344754</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>03 / December / 1999</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS, BENEFIT CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC §119(e)

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I hereby claim the benefit of Title 35, United States Code Section 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS
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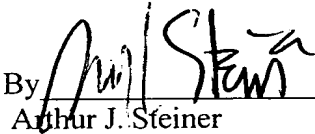
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DECLARATION AND VERIFIED TRANSLATION

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Sir:

I, Shiro TERASAKI, a Japanese Patent Attorney registered No. 9265 having my business office at Okura-Honkan (Bldg.), 6-12, Ginza 2-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan, hereby declare and say: that I am thoroughly conversant with both the Japanese and English languages; and, that the attached document represents a true English translation of United States Patent Application as filed in accordance with 37 CFR Section 1.52(d) in the ~~Japanese~~ language on December 1, 2000 which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DISPERSION COMPENSATING MODULE, LINE SWITCHING APPARATUS, AND OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 101 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signed this 9th day of April, 2001.

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